

Eco Team Work Session Agenda -- October 24-25, 2005

EPA office, 9th floor conference room
1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101

Monday, October 24

9:50 Arrive and settle in

10:00 Review the meeting agenda and what we need to accomplish – *Mikell*

10:10 Finalize Ecological CSM – *All*

Expected outcome:

- Prior to our meeting, review the revised CSM and pathway determinations made by Eco Team subgroup members. If possible, Rob hopes to email the revised CSM with pathway determinations to the team on Friday, October 21; please note your comments during your review.
- During our meeting, we will discuss the pathways where subgroup members are not in agreement about completeness and significance; our objective is to reach consensus as a group on all pathway determinations to finalize the CSM.
- Once finalized, compare our CSM with the LWG's proposed CSM and state justification for the major changes made; also describe our expectations for how the CSM will be used. We'll document this to include it in our direction to the LWG.
(will include a 45 minute lunch break)

2:00 Describe the approach for the ERA – *All*

Expected outcome:

- Prior to our meeting, review the list below of priority areas where we need to be more directive to the LWG about the ERA approach; note your comments on the approach you think we should take.
 - Approach for assessing risk from PAHs to fish
 - Approach for assessing risk from metals to fish
 - Approach for developing BSAFs for clams, crayfish and sculpin
 - Scale of the ERA
 - Assessment Endpoints: Approach for assessing risk to lamprey, juvenile Chinook and sturgeon
 - Approach for assessing risk to the benthic community
 - Approach for developing and using the Food Web Model in the ERA (we'll focus on this during our November 1-2 Eco Team work session)
- During our meeting, we will discuss each item on the list above and agree on direction to the LWG for how to assess each area. Our direction should be consistent with what we've said in the revised Assessment Endpoint Table and in the Data Needs Table we created, and it should include clear justification to explain our rationale. The level of specificity in our direction will likely vary for each area noted above, and that's fine. Our goal is to provide whatever level of direction we're comfortable with at this point, with clear justification to the LWG. We may identify needs for follow-up research by Parametrix or others as well.
- In addition, we will identify other areas of the approach for which we need to be directive to the LWG, and discuss them at this meeting or at a future work session.
(will include a 10 minute break)

5:00 Adjourn for the day

Tuesday, October 25

7:50 Arrive and settle in

8:00 Review today's meeting agenda and what we need to accomplish – *Mikell*

8:10 Finish discussion on ERA approach – *All*
(will include a 10 minute break)

noon Lunch break

12:45 Discuss/agree on addition of management objectives to guide the ERA – *All*
Expected outcome:

- Prior to our meeting, review proposed management objectives and rationale for adding them to the Problem Formulation section of the PH Workplan, Appendix B (describing the ERA). The proposed objectives and rationale are attached to this email; note your comments during your review.
- During the meeting, discuss and agree on whether to these or other management objectives should be included in the Workplan Appendix.
- Once we reach agreement, we will forward our recommendation to the full TCT for consideration. If the TCT agrees, we will include the new management objectives in our direction to the LWG.

2:00 Break

2:10 Discuss future Eco Team work session agendas and list of Eco Team products (see next page)
Expected outcome:

- Make changes as needed.
- Agree on any necessary assignments to prepare for upcoming work sessions.

3:00 Adjourn

Future Eco Team Work Sessions and related meetings

October 24-25: Eco Team work session in Seattle

- Finalize Eco CSM; thank the subgroup for their great work.
- Develop direction for ERA approach
- Agree on inclusion of management objectives for the ERA in the PH Workplan

October 26: Regular TCT call

November 1-2: Eco Team work session in Portland, DEQ NWR, 1st floor, room 1A

- Food Web Model – prior to meeting, we will determine desired outcomes and preparation needed for a productive discussion.
- Review the final riparian area definition; thank the subgroup for their great work. Discuss the need to map the riparian area in the ISA and resources to do this.
- Begin prioritization of data needs
- Note: November 2nd conference call on PAHs from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.; may want to break meeting to participate

November 7: Eco/CSM Team Integration meeting in Portland DEQ NWR, 4th floor, A/B

- Eco Team presents the work they've done. Discussion about next steps to finalize direction to the LWG.

November 9: Eco Team work session in Portland DEQ NWR, 4th floor, room A/B

- Finish prioritization of data needs
- Finalize direction to the LWG on the ERA

Note: the next major meeting needs to be in Seattle

Eco Team Products – to be included in direction to LWG in mid-November

- Revised Assessment Endpoint Table, with justification for changes.
- Prioritized data needs table, with justification for each data need, description of how the need should be filled, and explanation of how the data will be used.
- Revised Ecological CSM, with justification for changes.
- Direction on the approach for key aspects of the ERA, with justification to provide rationale.
- Definition of the riparian area within the ISA, with justification to provide rationale and direction on how the riparian area should be assessed.
- Management objectives to guide the ERA to be added to the PH Workplan Appendix B, with justification explaining why the objectives need to be added and how they will affect the ERA.
- Revised Food Web Structures, with justification for the relatively minor changes made.
- Direction on developing and using the Food Web Model, with justification to provide rationale.